



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting Announcement for the Technical Advisory Panel on Medicare Trustee Reports

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the meeting dates for the Technical Advisory Panel on Medicare Trustee Reports on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 and Wednesday February 8, 2017 in Washington, DC.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 from 9:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday February 8, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time and it is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hubert Humphrey Building 200 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C., 20201 Room 738G.3.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald Oellerich, Designated Federal Officer, at the Office of Human Services Policy, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 690-8410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Purpose: The Panel will discuss the long-term rate of change in health spending and may make recommendations to the Secretary on how the Medicare Trustees might more accurately estimate health spending in the short and long run. The Panel's discussion is expected to be very technical in nature and will focus on the actuarial and economic assumptions and methods by which Trustees might more accurately measure health spending. This Committee is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section

10(a)(1) and (a)(2)). The Committee is composed of nine members appointed by the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

II. Agenda. The Panel will likely hear presentations from two outside experts; one on prescription drugs spending and a second on spillover effects. In addition the HHS Office of the Actuary will present on issues the panel may wish to address. Additional presentations regarding long range growth, sustainability of provider payments under Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicare Access and Chip Reauthorization Act (MACRA), methods for transitioning from short term (10 year) to long term (75 year) projections and methods and the presentation of uncertainty in the report may follow. After any presentations, the Panel will deliberate openly on the topics. Interested persons may observe the deliberations, but the Panel will not hear public comments during this time. The Panel will also allow an open public session for any attendee to address issues specific to the topic.

III. Meeting Attendance. The Tuesday, February 7, 2017 and Wednesday February 8, 2017 meetings are open to the public; however, in-person attendance is limited to space available.

MEETING REGISTRATION:

The public may attend the meeting in-person. Space is limited and registration is required in order to attend in-person. Registration may be completed by e-mailing or faxing all the following information to Dr. Donald Oellerich at don.oellerich@hhs.gov or fax 202-690-6562:

Name.

Company name.

Postal address.

Email address.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Dr. Oellerich, no later than January 31, 2017 by sending an email message to don.oellerich@hhs.gov or calling 202-690-8410.

A confirmation email will be sent to the registrants shortly after completing the registration process.

IV. Special Accommodations

Individuals requiring special accommodations must include the request for these services during registration.

V. Copies of the Charter

The Secretary's Charter for the Technical Advisory Panel on Medicare Trustee Reports is available upon request from Dr. Donald Oellerich at don.oellerich@hhs.gov or by calling 202-690-8410.

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

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